

The President's Report for 1943

The Association's twenty-sixth year has passed and also its second war year. It has not been as successful as 1942 in either attendance or membership but we have carried on with a certain degree of normalcy.

The monthly meetings and field trips have been held, "The Gull" issued and the Association has taken action on Conservation measures as they appeared from time to time. "The Gull" and other bird literature has been distributed to the Armed Services. Several members have held field trips and given motion picture performances for the Army and Navy. Help was given in the banding of ducks at Lake Merritt, Oakland; also an investigation of the water bird sanctuary violations of that area, with consequent recommendations. We contributed to the West Point Club of the Mount Tamalpais District to help conserve the area for post-war enjoyment.

We had thirteen field trips with an average attendance of twenty-eight. We invited the Sierra Club Nature Section to join with us on two occasions. These outings have proved that well conducted field trips are one of the most important functions of the Association.

Junior and student memberships have not increased but general enrollment has held well. We had the privilege of placing Mrs. Joseph Grinnell on the honorary list. The year was saddened by the death of several members including Mr. E. L. Sumner and past president James Moffitt.

May I take this time to thank the Board of Directors, the editor of "The Gull" and members of the Association for their help this past year. It has been a pleasure to work with them for the Society's good.

With Victory in sight let us go forward with our new officers into the new year, closing our ranks for greater strength so that we may expand in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

ENID AUSTIN, *President*

Christmas Census in the South Pacific

From an island in the South Pacific, Commander T. E. Reynolds has written that he occupied Christmas morning by making a little unofficial bird census. His companions were Ensign L. L. Schramm, of Portland, Oregon, and Henry A. Hjersman, formerly of the California Fish and Game Commission, San Francisco. His letter states, "What we saw and where we saw it seems to be a military secret, though in my opinion not one that would be highly coveted by the enemy. I recently made an interesting climb to a mountain peak with an ornithologist from Boston, Lt. James Greenway. I have also met Dr. Frederick Ludwig, who has been collecting specimens for the museum of the University of Michigan."

January Field Trip

The January Field Trip on Sunday the sixteenth, covered the campus and nearby regions profitably and pleasantly. The weather was right for walking and right for birds. We kept active to keep warm, to search out all the birds of the place, and to keep that luncheon date at the Myer's! Birds were plentiful and very much on the move. It was positively a grand day.

For the morning walk the party was divided into four groups with Mrs. Junea Kelly, Mr. Donald Brock, Mr. Herman Leffler and Mr. C. A. Harwell as leaders. The campus and Strawberry Canyon, including the Botanical Gardens were covered thoroughly. Enroute we met Mr. Brighton C. Cain with his hiking Scouts who had covered the Big "C" Hill, and I include two species they observed on these upper slopes which we missed. These were Varied Thrush and Hutton Vireo.

A traditional gathering for lunch at the home of president and Mrs. Arthur Myer was one of the highlights of the day's experiences. After sandwiches, coffee, cookies and candies, we compiled our master check list of the morning, greeted our twelve guests, and swapped birding experiences. We then divided into two groups to visit Lake Temescal and the Berkeley Aquatic Park region. The lake group was somewhat disappointed because so many youngsters were boating that birds were very scarce.

The following thirty-four species were observed on the campus:

Red-tailed Hawk	Wren-tit	California Purple Finch
Sparrow Hawk	Bewick Wren	House Finch
California Quail	California Tharsher	Pine Siskin
Mourning Dove	Robin	Green-backed Goldfinch
Anna Hummingbird	Varied Thrush	Spotted Towhee
Red-shafted Flicker	Hermit Thrush	Brown Towhee
Black Phoebe	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Oregon Junco
Crested Jay	Cedar Waxwing	Gambel Sparrow
California Jay	Hutton Vireo	Nuttall Sparrow
Plain Titmouse	Audubon Warbler	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Bush-tit	English Sparrow	Fox Sparrow
		Song Sparrow

The following nineteen species were observed at Aquatic Park or its vicinity:

Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, American Egret, Mallard, Canvas Back, Lesser Scaup. American Golden Eye, Ruddy Duck, Coot, Killdeer, Willet, Least Sandpiper, Sanderling, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Bonaparte Gull, Savannah Sparrow.

The following three species were observed at Lake Temescal, and not in the other localities:

Pied-billed Grebe, Baldpate, Pintail.

The English Sparrow was the only bird observed both at the Aquatic Park and on the Campus. Total species for the day was fifty-six.

There were twenty-five members and twelve guests on the outing. Members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Kilham, Mesdames Clear, Richardson, Zinke, Dickman, Bozant, Service, Kelly; Misses Cohen, Stanton, Roscoe, Johnston, MacIver, Blake, Rinehart, Barry, Elwonger, Fay, Papina, Young; Messrs. Myer, Harwell, Brock, Leffler.

— C. A. Harwell, Historian

Treasurer's Report for 1943

Commercial Account:

Balance on hand January 1, 1943.....		\$ 68.90
Receipts:		
Dues for 1942	\$ 3.00	
Dues for 1943		
a) Adult	245.00	
Over-payment of dues	6.00	
b) Junior	10.50	
Over-payment of dues	1.50	
c) Subscription to The Gull	11.50	
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Dues brought forward for junior in service.....	3.00	
Subscription to The Gull for 1944-45.....	2.00	
Separate issues of The Gull	5.95	
Bus trip to Livermore	66.25	\$364.20
Total		\$433.10

Expenditures:

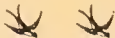
Publishing The Gull (with extras and corrections)	191.52	
Taxes	5.32	
Binding The Gull	7.00	
Stamped envelopes	34.72	
Refund on over-payment of dues and subscriptions to The Gull	8.00	
Dues National Audubon Society	10.00	
Janitor's Christmas gift	10.00	
Membership in West Point Club	10.00	
Cost of bus trip to Livermore	49.60	
Miscellaneous expenses (publicity, postage, etc.)	13.50	\$339.66
Balance in commercial account		93.44
		\$433.10

Savings Account:

Balance on hand January 1, 1943	\$811.50	
Interest for 1943	4.41	
	\$815.91	
Withdrawal for purchase of bond	370.00	\$445.91

Total Assets:

Commercial account	\$ 93.44	
Savings account	445.91	
U. S. Treasury Bond	370.00	\$909.35



Observations

Edited by Junea W. Kelly

Wandering Tattler, Dec. 31, Cliff House, Junea W. Kelly.

White-Throated Sparrow, Dec. 11 - Jan. 10, 11000 Broadway Terrace, Oakland, Mrs. D. M. Curtis.

Burrowing Owl, Dec. 10, Hopkins & Sacramento Sts., Berkeley, Mrs. Ethel Richardson.

Western Mockingbird (non-singing), Jan. 3, Hilgard St. & Leroy Ave., Berkeley, Mr. C. A. Harwell.

Red-breasted Sapsucker, Jan. 17, at 11,000 Broadway Terrace, Oakland, H. V. Leffler.

Audubon Notes

February Meeting: The regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room, San Francisco Public Library, Larkin Streets, San Francisco. Mr. Charles Alfred Bryant will speak on "The Study of Field Differences in California Warblers". The lecture will be illustrated with specimen skins. The subject should be of interest to all.

February Field Trip will be taken to Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, on Sunday, February 13th. Members and friends will meet at 45th Avenue and Fulton (SF) at 9:45 a.m. and observe in the vicinity of the Chain of Lakes, later going towards the ocean. This location can be reached by No. 5 McAllister car (Market St. RR) or the "B" Municipal car. From the latter walk down 45th Avenue towards the park. Bring luncheon and field glasses. Leaders to be appointed.

January Meeting: The 316th regular meeting and the 27th annual meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific was held in the Assembly Room of the San Francisco Public Library, President Mrs. Harold C. Austin presiding. Annual reports were read by Mrs. Austin, president, Miss Ivander MacIver, treasurer, Miss Frances J. Blake, chairman of the field trip committee, and Miss Selma Werner, publicity chairman.

Mrs. Bessie W. Kibbee, chairman of the nominating committee, presented

the slate of officers for the year 1944. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Arthur H. Myer, First Vice-President, Mr. Charles A. Bryant, Second Vice-President, Mr. Brighton C. Cain, Recording Secretary, Miss Jean Bradford Fay, Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Joseph J. Webb, Treasurer, Miss Ivander MacIver; Directors, Miss Frances J. Blake, Walter W. Bradley, and Mr. George T. Kilham.

A general discussion was held regarding the policies of the Association. Some of the members brought up the question of the advisability of curtailment of the activities of the society, due to wartime conditions. The opinions disclosed the fact that there is enough interest and enthusiasm among the membership to justify the continuance of the present policies, namely, the monthly meetings, field trips, and publication of THE GULL. Even though the prognosis is favorable, the wholehearted cooperation of the entire membership will be required to meet the challenge of the year ahead.

NOTE: For the next two months THE GULL will be edited by Miss Ruth Elwonger, 2121 Rose Street, Berkeley 7, (ASHbury 1610), during the absence of the editor on a transcontinental lecture tour with her film of western bird life, "Fun with Birds". Appearances are scheduled for colleges, museums, and ornithological societies.

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Monthly meetings second Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Assembly Room, San Francisco Public Library, Larkin and McAllister Streets, San Francisco.

Membership dues, payable January 1st, \$3.00 per year.

Student memberships, \$1.50 per year.

Life memberships, \$50.00

Members are responsible for dues until written notice of resignation is received by Treasurer.